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Dear Nebraska Farmers, Ranchers and Agribusinesses:

The following narrative and tables are from recently published reports by USDA's Agricultural Statistics Board. These data are direct results of information provided by Nebraska producers and agribusinesses to the surveys conducted each month by this office. Thank you for your response to these surveys.

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Nebraska Cattle on Feed Up 6 Percent

Nebraska feedlots with capacities of 1,000 or more head contained 2.53 million cattle on feed on April 1, up 6 percent from last year and the highest April inventory since the data series began in 1994. Placements of cattle into feedlots during March totaled 440,000 head, up 13 percent from 2011. Fed cattle marketings for the month of March totaled 460,000 head, up 7 percent from last year. Other disappearance during March totaled 20,000 head, compared with 10,000 head a year ago.

U.S. Cattle on Feed Up 2 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.5 million head on April 1, 2012, 2 percent above April 1, 2011. Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.79 million, 6 percent below 2011. Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.92 million, 4 percent below 2011. Other disappearance totaled 69,000 during March, 30 percent above 2011.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2011-2012

State	April 1 Number on Feed ¹			March Placements			March Marketings			March Other Disappearance ²		
	2011	2012	<u>2012</u> <u>2011</u>	2011	2012	<u>2012</u> <u>2011</u>	2011	2012	<u>2012</u> <u>2011</u>	2011	2012	<u>2012</u> <u>2011</u>
	1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent	
Arizona	276	278	101	33	27	82	25	27	108	1	1	100
California	450	490	109	48	53	110	55	61	111	3	2	67
Colorado	1,090	1,070	98	215	160	74	190	175	92	5	5	100
Idaho	220	225	102	35	34	97	34	38	112	1	1	100
Iowa	650	670	103	81	73	90	78	71	91	3	2	67
Kansas	2,190	2,170	99	415	375	90	435	395	91	10	10	100
Nebraska	2,380	2,530	106	390	440	113	430	460	107	10	20	200
Oklahoma	355	320	90	75	56	75	78	74	95	2	2	100
South Dakota	265	255	96	46	45	98	44	48	109	2	2	100
Texas	2,770	2,780	100	490	430	88	540	470	87	10	20	200
Washington	207	233	113	33	37	112	28	36	129	3	1	33
Other States	404	461	114	53	62	117	53	63	119	3	3	100
United States	11,257	11,482	102	1,914	1,792	94	1,990	1,918	96	53	69	130

¹ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

² Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed, April 20, 2012

Commercial Livestock Slaughter

March 2012 number slaughtered and changes from last year and last month are shown below. March 2011 contained 23 weekdays (including no holidays) and four Saturdays. March 2012 contained 22 weekdays (including no holidays) and five Saturdays.

Livestock Slaughter: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, March 2012 with Comparisons

Item	Total ¹	March 2012 Percent of	
		Mar 2011	Feb 2012
Nebraska	<i>1,000 Head</i>		
Cattle, head	554.4	95	107
Hogs, head	684.1	103	104
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	605.7	99	106
United States			
Cattle, head	2,751.1	93	108
Calves, head	59.4	81	99
Hogs, head	9,521.6	96	105
Sheep & Lambs, head	190.2	98	115
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	4,169.7	96	107

¹ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter, April 20, 2012

Poultry: Layers and Eggs, Nebraska and United States, March 2012 with Comparisons

Item	2011	2012	2012/2011
	<i>Millions</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Number of Layers			
Nebraska	9.4	9.3	98
United States	340.7	339.8	100
Table Eggs Produced			
Nebraska	235	229	97
United States	6,735	6,799	101
Chickens Hatched, March			
United States			
Egg-type	43.6	40.6	93
Broiler	793.8	764.2	96

Source: USDA NASS Chicken and Eggs, April 23, 2012

Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity, United States, March 31, 2012 with Comparisons

Commodity	Stocks	March 31, 2012 Percent of	
		Mar 31, 2011	Feb 29, 2012
	<i>1,000 Lbs.</i>		
Total red meat	1,147,882	111	103
Beef	507,862	114	108
Pork	612,652	107	98
Poultry	955,158	93	100
Turkey	375,584	115	107
Chicken	577,027	83	96

Source: USDA NASS Cold Storage, April 20, 2012

Milk Cows and Production: By Quarter, Nebraska, 23 Selected States and United States, 2011-2012

Item and Quarter	Nebraska		23 States		United States	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>	
Milk Cows ¹						
January-March	57	56	8,413	8,510	9,168	9,254
	<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>	
Milk Production ²						
January-March	290	295	44,989	47,407	48,459	50,995

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. ² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Source: USDA NASS Milk Production, April 19, 2012

U.S. Grains Supply and Disappearance Outlook

Crop Year	Supply				Market Year Disappearance ¹					Market Year Ending Stocks	Average Market Price ⁴	
	Begin- ning stocks	Pro- duction	Im- ports	Total	Domestic			Ex- ports	Total			
					Primary Use ²	Ethanol & By-products ³	Other					
Million Bushels												\$/Bu.
Corn												
2009/10	1,673	13,092	8	14,774	5,125	4,591	1,370	1,980	13,066	1,708	3.55	
2010/11 ⁵	1,708	12,447	28	14,182	4,793	5,021	1,406	1,835	13,055	1,128	5.18	
2011/12 ⁶	1,128	12,358	20	13,506	4,600	5,000	1,405	1,700	12,705	801	6.00-6.40	
Soybeans												
2009/10	138	3,359	15	3,512	1,752		110	1,499	3,361	151	9.59	
2010/11 ⁵	151	3,329	14	3,495	1,648		130	1,501	3,280	215	11.30	
2011/12 ⁶	215	3,056	15	3,286	1,630		116	1,290	3,036	250	12.00-12.50	
Wheat												
2009/10	657	2,218	119	2,993	919		219	879	2,018	976	4.87	
2010/11 ⁵	976	2,207	97	3,279	926		203	1,289	2,417	862	5.70	
2011/12 ⁶	862	1,999	120	2,982	930		259	1,000	2,189	793	7.20-7.40	
Sorghum												
2009/10	55	383	0	438	141		90	166	396	41	3.22	
2010/11 ⁵	41	346	0	387	124		85	150	359	27	5.02	
2011/12 ⁶	27	214	0	242	65		90	60	215	27	5.90-6.30	

¹ Marketing year begins: Corn, Sorghum & Soybeans, September 1; Wheat, June 1. ² Primary uses: Corn & Sorghum = Feed; Soybeans = Crushing; Wheat = Food. ³ Corn used to produce ethanol and by-products including distillers' grains, corn gluten feed, corn gluten meal, and corn oil.

⁴ Marketing-year weighted average price received by farmers. ⁵ Estimate. ⁶ Projection.

Source: USDA's World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates, April 10, 2012

**Corn: Harvested, Yield and Production
by County and District, Nebraska, 2011¹**

County and District	Harvested for Grain	Yield per Harvested Acre		Total Production	County and District	Harvested for Grain	Yield per Harvested Acre		Total Production
		Irrigated	Dryland				Irrigated	Dryland	
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>Bushels</i>		<i>Acres</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>Bushels</i>
Banner	19,300			1,707,000	Butler	151,300	193.5	162.5	27,002,000
Box Butte	64,200	163.9	65.9	9,691,000	Cass	121,600			19,136,000
Cheyenne	46,500	137.6	63.4	5,100,000	Colfax	115,500	181.8	149.2	18,811,000
Dawes	6,100			582,000	Dodge	145,500	185.1	162.9	25,213,000
Deuel	28,300	170.1	66.4	3,342,000	Douglas	29,600	188.1	152.9	4,765,000
Garden	35,300	175.6	85.2	5,104,000	Hamilton	196,700	203.0	148.2	38,978,000
Kimball	23,400	151.6	45.6	2,689,000	Lancaster	132,900	192.3	141.2	19,284,000
Morrill	72,500	174.0	75.4	12,252,000	Merrick	125,900	161.2	116.6	19,933,000
Scotts Bluff	92,800	150.2	41.8	13,756,000	Nance	85,400	179.7	141.1	13,935,000
Sheridan	45,900	165.0	62.8	6,509,000	Platte	201,000	179.5	153.3	34,323,000
Sioux	14,200			2,303,000	Polk	128,900	172.7	148.0	21,623,000
NORTHWEST	448,500	160.2	63.0	63,035,000	Sarpy	32,900	185.9	151.5	5,118,000
					Saunders	181,100			29,652,000
Arthur					Seward	140,700	178.7	137.4	22,552,000
Blaine					Washington	75,800	191.0	164.3	12,645,000
Boyd	37,600	176.5	122.0	4,806,000	York	205,200	186.7	143.6	37,286,000
Brown	45,100	176.1	102.5	7,882,000	EAST	2,070,000	184.0	151.4	350,256,000
Cherry	24,300	161.0	86.8	3,772,000					
Garfield	13,100	181.8	107.5	2,203,000	Chase	172,000	122.1	73.2	19,120,000
Grant					Dundy	108,100	144.5	69.7	13,108,000
Holt	191,100	184.6	96.0	33,913,000	Frontier	107,600	177.5	97.0	13,884,000
Hooker					Hayes	82,800	151.2	80.6	9,935,000
Keya Paha	16,800	187.3	106.9	2,833,000	Hitchcock	71,400	161.9	85.4	7,516,000
Logan	26,800	182.4	82.4	4,038,000	Keith	106,000	169.5	81.9	14,804,000
Loup	7,200			1,361,000	Lincoln	216,500	175.2	85.8	34,134,000
McPherson					Perkins	224,200	163.7	77.7	26,303,000
Rock	32,300	173.2	80.6	5,445,000	Red Willow	97,400	169.3	96.3	11,590,000
Thomas					SOUTHWEST	1,186,000	157.3	83.9	150,394,000
Wheeler	42,100			7,281,000					
NORTH	452,000	179.7	106.3	75,956,000	Adams	177,100	205.0	140.7	34,550,000
					Franklin	84,400	189.8	140.7	14,791,000
Antelope	211,900	190.3	104.1	36,990,000	Furnas	110,500	190.8	100.8	14,127,000
Boone	165,900	167.8	133.6	26,118,000	Gosper	87,800	198.5	100.4	14,713,000
Burt	126,800	179.9	163.5	21,230,000	Harlan	101,600	203.4	127.2	17,352,000
Cedar	198,500	183.9	150.2	32,730,000	Kearney	164,600	193.7	139.7	30,640,000
Cuming	164,200	200.5	170.2	29,090,000	Phelps	163,000	187.4	129.5	29,854,000
Dakota	68,700			10,792,000	Webster	83,000	197.8	125.4	13,066,000
Dixon	117,800			16,092,000	SOUTH	972,000	195.8	120.6	169,093,000
Knox	151,300	190.3	143.3	23,787,000					
Madison	144,900	168.7	149.8	23,041,000	Clay	173,000	195.7	137.5	31,981,000
Pierce	142,500	177.7	139.0	22,976,000	Fillmore	192,100	198.7	136.6	35,296,000
Stanton	100,400	185.5	163.0	16,901,000	Gage	171,400	179.4	123.9	23,404,000
Thurston	99,200			16,874,000	Jefferson	107,300	185.8	117.6	16,028,000
Wayne	129,900	190.8	158.5	21,616,000	Johnson	53,300	177.7	107.2	6,517,000
NORTHEAST	1,822,000	181.8	151.4	298,237,000	Nemaha	80,900	200.0	149.5	12,381,000
					Nuckolls	109,700	194.1	127.6	16,931,000
Buffalo	205,800	178.1	127.5	35,127,000	Otoe	125,800	175.7	137.4	17,392,000
Custer	250,300	184.4	115.1	41,386,000	Pawnee	51,100	175.0	109.9	5,693,000
Dawson	203,300	184.0	123.0	36,768,000	Richardson	107,700	186.8	146.5	15,928,000
Greeley	79,000	154.1	110.5	11,475,000	Saline	143,500	191.0	120.7	22,169,000
Hall	189,400	184.7	115.8	34,206,000	Thayer	141,200	192.6	123.8	23,983,000
Howard	107,600	167.2	120.4	17,211,000	SOUTHEAST	1,457,000	192.9	130.0	227,703,000
Sherman	81,800	167.4	115.9	12,586,000					
Valley	75,300	176.6	118.1	12,567,000	NEBRASKA	9,600,000	180.0	132.0	1,536,000,000
CENTRAL	1,192,500	178.3	117.9	201,326,000					

¹Missing data included in district and state totals.

Note: County estimates for other Nebraska crops are available at http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Nebraska/index.asp

Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

Potato Stocks

Fall Potato Production and Stocks – 13 Major States: April 1, 2011-2012 ¹

State	Crop of 2010			Crop of 2011		
	Production	Total Stocks April 1, 2011	April stocks as a percent of production	Production	Total Stocks April 1, 2012	April stocks as a percent of production
	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>Percent</i>
California	2,828	600	21	4,128	850	21
Colorado	21,528	7,200	33	21,291	7,700	36
Idaho	112,970	41,000	36	127,070	44,000	35
Maine	15,892	5,900	37	14,310	4,400	31
Michigan	15,660	2,300	15	15,180	1,600	11
Minnesota	17,010	5,000	29	16,685	5,000	30
Montana	3,673	2,300	63	3,795	2,100	55
Nebraska	7,719	2,100	27	7,800	2,100	27
New York	5,120	600	12	4,050	500	12
North Dakota	22,000	5,900	27	18,865	5,600	30
Oregon	20,058	7,700	38	23,342	8,000	34
Washington	88,440	25,200	28	98,400	29,000	29
Wisconsin	24,293	5,200	21	25,000	5,000	20
Total 13 States	357,191	111,000	31	379,916	115,850	30

¹ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop.

Source: USDA NASS Potato Stocks, April 17, 2012

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